

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2004-316-C - ORDER NO. 2005-404
JULY 22, 2005

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. to Establish Generic Docket to Consider Amendments to Interconnection Agreements Resulting from Changes of Law.) ORDER GRANTING) WITHDRAWAL OF) PETITION TO) INTERVENE OF) VERIZON SOUTH, INC.
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the request of Verizon South, Inc. ("Verizon") to withdraw its Petition to Intervene in the present docket.

On November 3, 2004, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") filed a Petition with the Commission requesting that a generic docket be established to consider amendments to interconnection agreements resulting from changes of law. The Commission granted BellSouth's Petition and issued Order No. 2004-591, dated December 2, 2004, which established the present proceeding. Following publication of Notice of Filing and Hearing, Verizon filed a Petition to Intervene Out of Time in the proceeding on December 22, 2004. Verizon's intervention out of time was granted by the Commission by Order No. 2005-61, dated February 7, 2005, and accordingly, Verizon became a formal party of record to the proceeding.

On July 1, 2005, Verizon filed a request with the Commission to withdraw its Petition to Intervene. Verizon asserts that upon further review, Verizon has determined

that its participation in this docket is no longer necessary, and therefore respectfully withdraws its Petition to Intervene. According to Verizon, this withdrawal complies with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-225(E), as it is filed prior to Verizon submitting any direct testimony with the Commission in this docket.

Upon consideration of the request of Verizon, the Commission finds that the request of Verizon to withdraw its Petition to Intervene should be granted. The Commission discerns no prejudice to any party by granting the withdrawal.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The request of Verizon South, Inc. to withdraw its Petition to Intervene is granted.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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